

## House Resolution No. 4126

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who answered the national call to military service during periods of worldwide turmoil and unrest; and

**Whereas**, Lloyd Thomas of Miller was honored on August 17, 2003, by his fellow members at Mt. Vernon's First Presbyterian Church in light of his service during World War II; and

**Whereas**, the operator of twin .50-caliber machine guns used to defend the B-17 bomber, Lloyd Thomas bailed out of his plane after it was struck by enemy fire and landed deep inside enemy territory with only a compass, a map, and a candy bar to help him survive; and

**Whereas**, with neither airman nor soldiers anywhere in sight, Lloyd Thomas was captured by a farmer who fed him black bread and milk at the family dinner table before turning him over to local police to start what would be twenty-one months of captivity as a prisoner of war; and

**Whereas**, for his efforts during World War II, Lloyd Thomas received an Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters to represent his eighteen combat missions; and

**Whereas**, the son of W.D. and Lulu Mae Thomas, Lloyd Thomas is the beloved husband of Retha Thomas, whom he married on October 22, 1945, and the loving father of Marsha, Mary Ann, and Janice; and

**Whereas**, Lloyd Thomas is an active member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Ex-Prisoners of War organizations and is, along with his wife, a devout member of First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Vernon:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute former prisoner of war Lloyd Thomas and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his patriotic contributions on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of his capture during World War II; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of military veteran Lloyd Thomas of Miller, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jack Goodman  
District No. 132

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4126, adopted September 18, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker